



599TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP EXECUTIVE NEWS

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599th welcomes new commander

In a historic setting aboard the USS Battleship Missouri, Col. Kathi L. Kreklow became the new commander of the 599th Transportation Group during a change of command ceremony July 15.

Colonel Kathi L. Kreklow assumes command of the 599th following assignment as the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's Chief of the Surface Cell for the Central Command Deployment Distribution Operations Center at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.

Colonel Kreklow was hails from Manawa, Wis., where she began her military career after graduating from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point.

After several successful assignments, the colonel was assigned command position with SDDC when she was selected as the commander of the 836th Transportation Battalion in Yokohama, Japan.

Upon completion of the Army War College she was reassigned to her latest duty assignment



Colonel Kreklow

before coming to join the 599th team.

The Group would like to thank the Soldiers, civilians and industry partners who made the ceremony a success.

Deployments, lessons learned, exercise preparations ...

The reception of 25th Infantry Division (Light) equipment redeploying from OIF/OEF was one of the major events during this quarter for 599th Transportation Group. The 599th along with the 25th ID, Division Transportation Office (DTO), FISC Pearl Harbor, and the Directorate of Logistics coordinated the off-load of three Military Sealift Command ships and container receiving operations from commercial vessels ensuring intransit visibility, accountability and complete end-to-end customer support.

The 599th provided Deployment and Distribution Support Teams (DDST) consisting of five personnel to off-load the Cape Horn, the USNS Pililaaui, and the Cape Hudson. A total of 1,950 pieces and 64,830 measurement tons were off-loaded from the three MSC ships. The Group coordinated with 25th ID DTO to assist in cargo/container accountability and documenting damages when cargo was unstuffed from 244 containers and provided support to units with Radio Frequency

Identification interrogators to capture ITV data and track containers until returned to owners. Group personnel worked closely with unit representatives tracking individual containers/unit equipment pieces from Afghanistan to destination.

The 599th Transportation Group was also involved in two major exercises during this quarter, Talisman Saber 05 (TS 05) and Cobra Gold 2005 (CG 05). One representative from 599th deployed to Australia, to work within the Combined Movement Control Center (CMCC) for SDDC in-country deployment and distribution support of the exercise. The Cape Horn was up-loaded with 73 pieces CG 05 cargo at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Cape Horn proceeded to Indian Island, Wash., for additional CG 05 cargo, and then to its final destination, Chuk Samet, Thailand. Group DDSTs supported ship operations at Pearl Harbor and Thailand, documenting cargo and providing intransit visibility via Early Entry Deployment Support Kit.

UPDATES:

UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRACT

UPDATE: The RFP, evaluation and award processes are well underway for the fifth iteration of this major SDDC sealift contract. USTRANSCOM and its industry partners have streamlined the processes involved in soliciting, evaluating, awarding and administering contracts for Intermodal sealift and ancillary services. A strategy was developed that maintains a competitive environment while considering the needs of both customers and suppliers, focuses on reducing costs and implements performance-based contracts. The work statement was developed by an Integrated Process Team, Government/Industry partnership, whose intent was to provide competitively awarded contracts at increased levels of service quality at reduced costs to the Government. Services will be performed in peacetime and contingencies! New contracts should be awarded by the end of 2005.

WEB BASED CARGO BOOKING:

The Web based version of the Integrated Booking System (IBS-SW) is now operational in PACOM. The 599th's Ocean Cargo Clearance Authority (OCCA) and Ocean Cargo Booking Offices (OCBOs) are processing bookings with contract Ocean Carriers as well as Tariff and Tender moves for Guam and Hawaii trades. Future expansion of this system to large, frequent shippers will allow submission of Export Traffic Release Requests (ETRRs) through the same Web based system eliminating cumbersome documentation processing by customers and port operators.

NEED COST ESTIMATES??? We highly recommend the Single Mobility System when calculating your transportation budgets. Try this Web site,

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Recognizing Excellence

APL helps Afghan army get new wheels

For months the booking folks have been shipping Light Tactical Vehicles procured for the Afghan Army.

Moving this equipment has been a challenge, particularly the last overland leg from Karachi, Pakistan to the final destination in Kabul.

The need for secured transport and In Transit Visibility was paramount!

Mr. Mumtaz Hussain, Trade and Network Manager for American President Lines in Karachi provided us accurate, timely movement data thru his locally developed reporting procedures.

Each of the 983 vehicles

was tracked by VIN and engine number from departure at the port through three checkpoints within Pakistan, another at the border and culminating with delivery to the Afghan National Army.

These daily situation reports were invaluable to everyone involved!

While this is typical of the Industry support we receive in so many areas, "Mumtaz" has become our "go to guy" for shipments routed via APL thru the Port of Karachi.

Whether it is ITV or Customs Clearance issues, he has the knowledge, experience and imagination to for-



**Mr. Mumtaz Hussain,
Trade and Network Manager for
American President Lines**

ulate a solution and meet the mission.

He has our gratitude for a

job well done and our admiration for his professionalism!

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<https://sms.transcom.mil/sms-perl/SMSWEBStart.pl>, and use the ROM Shipping calculators. Both air and surface programs are available and you do not need full access authority or a password to utilize these tools.

SPEED VS. COST: Shrinking exercise and operational budgets are now the norm, causing planners to look for cost cutting measures when moving forces and equipment in support of their wartime missions. No need for us to preach the merits of surface movement when compared to airlift on a cost basis, so what is the critical factor? Time in transit seems to be the customer's greatest concern! There is a false perception that cargo in transit is not available to the owning unit. Keep in mind, diversions, reconsignments and 'short stopping' are all available to cargo bookers when an emergency arises. Meeting your mission IS our mission!!

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How are we doing?

Feedback is vital to improving service. People with comments about SDDC's service may access the customer response form on the SDDC Web site at <http://www.sddc.army.mil> (Global Cargo Distribution window). Questions and comments specific to the 599th Transportation Group and units, can e-mail cao@pac.sddc.army.mil.